

UPTON NEWS

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR EVERYONE — IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 9 December
8pm 'til late

THE VILLAGE DANCE

Good disco Good company
'Our famous Raffle'

Bar and light refreshments

Tickets £3.50 from Steve Dawson (851370) or
Barry Dawson (772505).

All in aid of village hall funds

Thursday 14 December
10.30 am

Upton Tiddlywinks

Tiddlywinks' toddler and baby group has become part of village life now. Anyone new to Upton can pop in, you don't have to be a mum; dads, grandparents and carers are all very welcome — the more the merrier.

Our Christmas party will be on Thursday 14th December. We thought it would be fun for the children to have a little festive feast so we've moved the time from our normal 9.30 forward to 10.30 finishing at around 12.30. Hopefully, Father Christmas might be able to spare a moment in his hectic schedule to drop in, but at this moment in time we're still awaiting his reply...

The week before, the children will be making their own special Christmas hat to wear for the party, so if you want to come to our very first Christmas celebration do try to come on 7th as well. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Deborah Marinkovic

*Prizes: Hamper; meal for two at the George & Dragon; box of toys; Christmas cake; basket of fruit; sherry; Christmas pudding; box of chocolates; crackers; wines. Buy your tickets only from a committee member: Sheila Parker, Sue Bibby, Jessie West, Sheila Dawson, Frances Telling.



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Friday 15 December
7.30pm

MILLENNIUM ROUND-UP 'What's been happening'

A display of photographs taken at
village events throughout the year.

Draw for the Raffle* in aid of the
Village Hall Improvements Fund

The £50 prize draw of the Lucky Number
from the Millennium Programme

also

Henry Bucknell of Alden Farm will be there to display
and talk about his ten-year plan for the regeneration
of hedges and ponds on land around Upton.

Gift Stall

Coffee and Mince Pies

More events in 'News in Brief' overpage

Notice

PARISH OF UPTON CONFIRMATION OF BYELAWS

Notice is hereby given that the Parish Council of Upton intends after the expiry of the period mentioned below to apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation of byelaws made by the Council.

The byelaws will prohibit riding or driving of vehicles except in any part of the grounds where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle and also prohibit practising golf in the Recreation Ground, near the village hall, Station Road.

Copies of the byelaws will be kept at the Upton Post Office and The Briary, Stream Road, Upton and will be open to inspection without payment on any weekday during the day for one calendar month from and after the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the byelaws will also be supplied on receipt of an application accompanied by a fee of ten pence for each copy plus postage if applicable.

Any objection to the confirmation of the byelaws may be made by letter addressed to the Home Office, Local Legislation Section, Room 979, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AT, before the byelaws are confirmed.

L. Riordan Clerk of the Council
1 December, 2000

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A vacancy has arisen for a Councillor for Upton Parish Council. If anyone is interested in filling the post, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible with your nomination, for an informal discussion.

Being a Parish Councillor entails attending a Parish Council meeting on the second Tuesday of every other month plus occasional additional meetings as required. This is your opportunity to have a

say in what happens in your village, in particular with regard to planning matters, recreational facilities and any other local issues.

Lynne Riordan, Clerk, The Briary
Stream Road, 850165

50's CLUB OCTOBER WINNERS

Rowbotham £10; Wright £5;
Parker £4; Rippon £3.

This is the main fund-raiser for the Village Hall Amenities Trust.

MARGERY GRIMSHAW

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Margery Grimshaw on November 21st having borne her long illness with Christian stoicism. Margery, who lived in Upton for over thirty years, was a wonderful and caring wife to John and mother to Catherine and Daniel. Her continual, self-effacing caring for neighbours and friends, especially those less able than herself, will be long remembered. With her Christian faith she remained cheerful to the end.

Margery was a keen singer and supported St. Mary's choir for many years, but her greatest delight was in flower-arranging. When creating her Easter gardens she was able to spend many quiet hours in church worshipping with this talent. Margery, gracious lady, was indeed an 'Easter person'.

News in brief

Joan Durbin asks **everyone who ordered the Village Map to please collect theirs from Upton Post Office.** There are also a few spare copies for £5 each.

On **Thursday 7 December** the Village Produce Association will be meeting for 'fireside gardening'. The get-together will be at Parsonage Farm, Blewbury at 7.30pm.

Blewbury School's annual Christmas Fair, run by the PTA, is on **Friday 8 December**, 2-4pm. There will be craft and gift stalls, raffle, teas and mince pies, and Father Christmas may call in to collect lists...

Helen Weston reports that Upton's **Poppy Day** raised a record £192.92p. There were nine boxes in circulation and she thanks both to collectors and contributors.

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

St Mary's
Sunday 9 am

Methodist church

10.30 am — Preacher

3 Parish Eucharist
10 Parish Eucharist
17 Choral Matins

Paul Williams
(at Blewbury)

Carol Service Rev. T.

Dibble

Carol Service 4pm

24 Christmas Eve (said service) Georgina Wood

Crib Service 4pm

25 Christmas morning

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